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FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a computer system 20 according to one embodiment of the present invention. The computer system 20 includes a processing unit 21, system memory 22, and a network interface 55. The system memory 22 includes ROM 24, BIOS 26, and RAM 25. The processing unit 21 is connected to the system memory 22 and a system bus 23. The system bus 23 is connected to various components including a video adapter 48, an audio adapter 44, a hard disk drive interface 32, a magnetic disk drive interface 33, an optical drive interface 34, a serial port interface 46, and a network interface 55. The hard disk drive interface 32 is connected to a hard disk drive 27. The magnetic disk drive interface 33 is connected to a magnetic disk drive 28. The optical drive interface 34 is connected to an optical drive 30. The serial port interface 46 is connected to a modem 54. The network interface 55 is connected to an ISP 56 and an Internet 20. The computer system 20 also includes a monitor 47 and speakers 45. A dashed line indicates a connection between the system memory 22 and a software stack 35. The software stack 35 includes an operating system 35, an instant messaging client application 36, an instant messaging server application 37, and an instant messaging gateway application 38. A mouse 42 is also connected to the system.

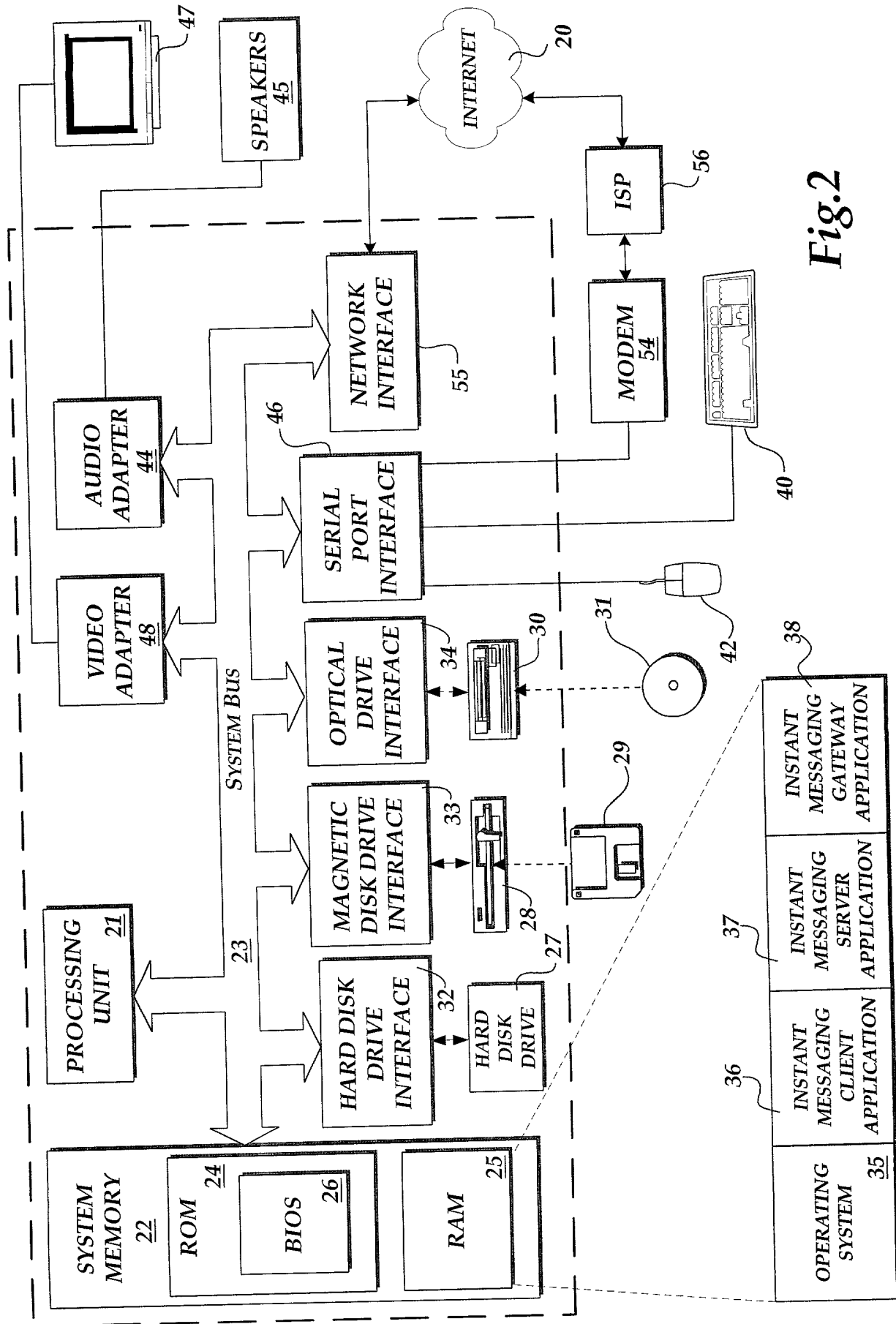
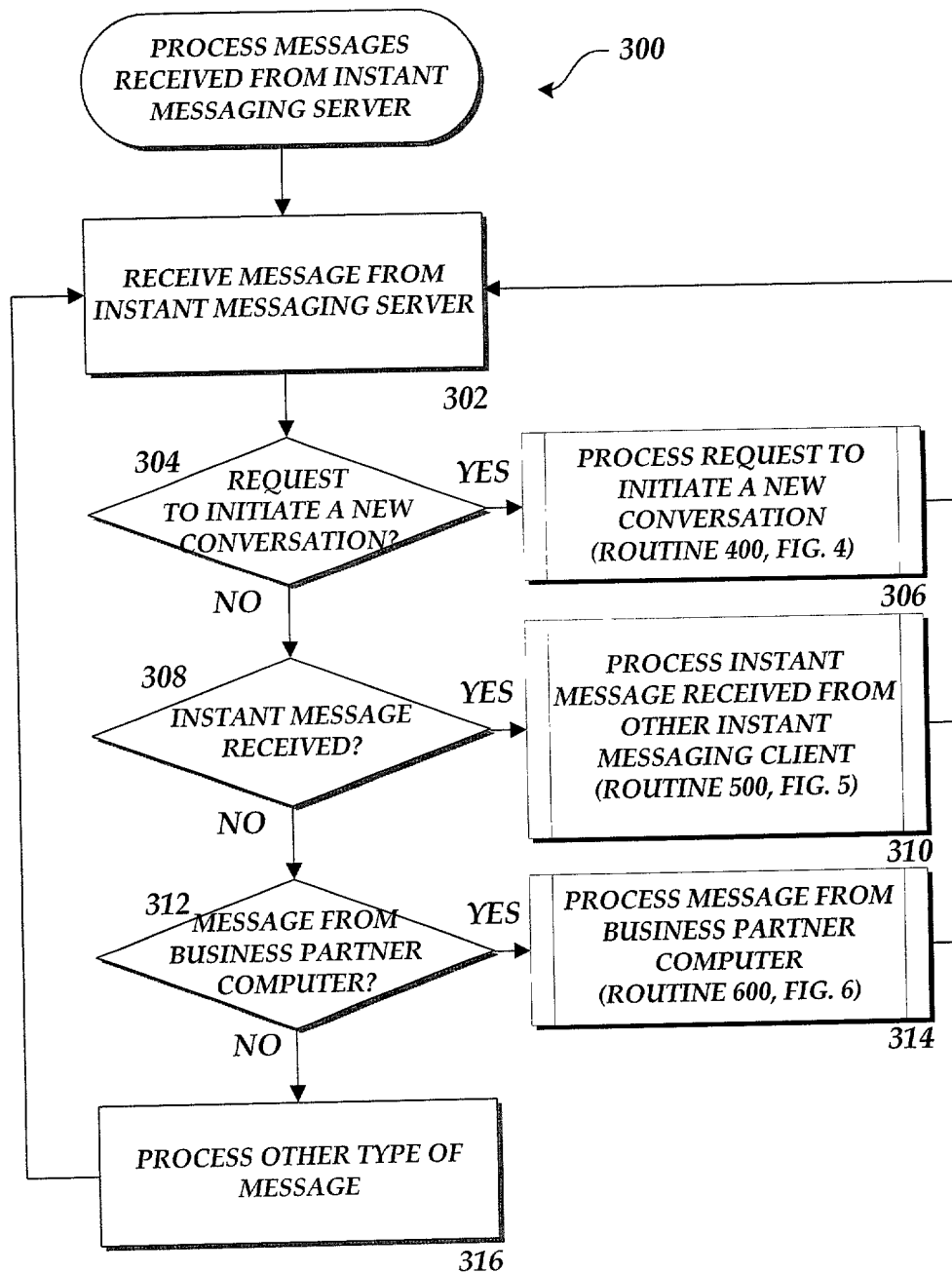


Fig.2



**Fig.3**

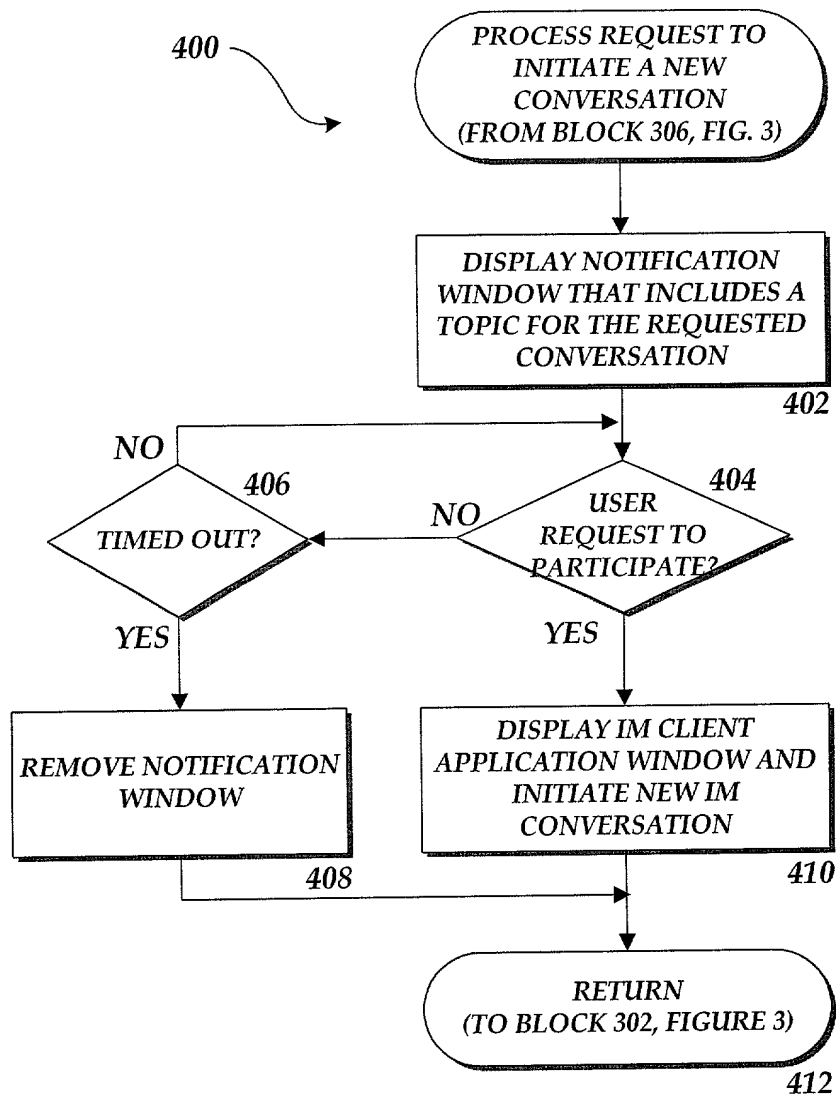


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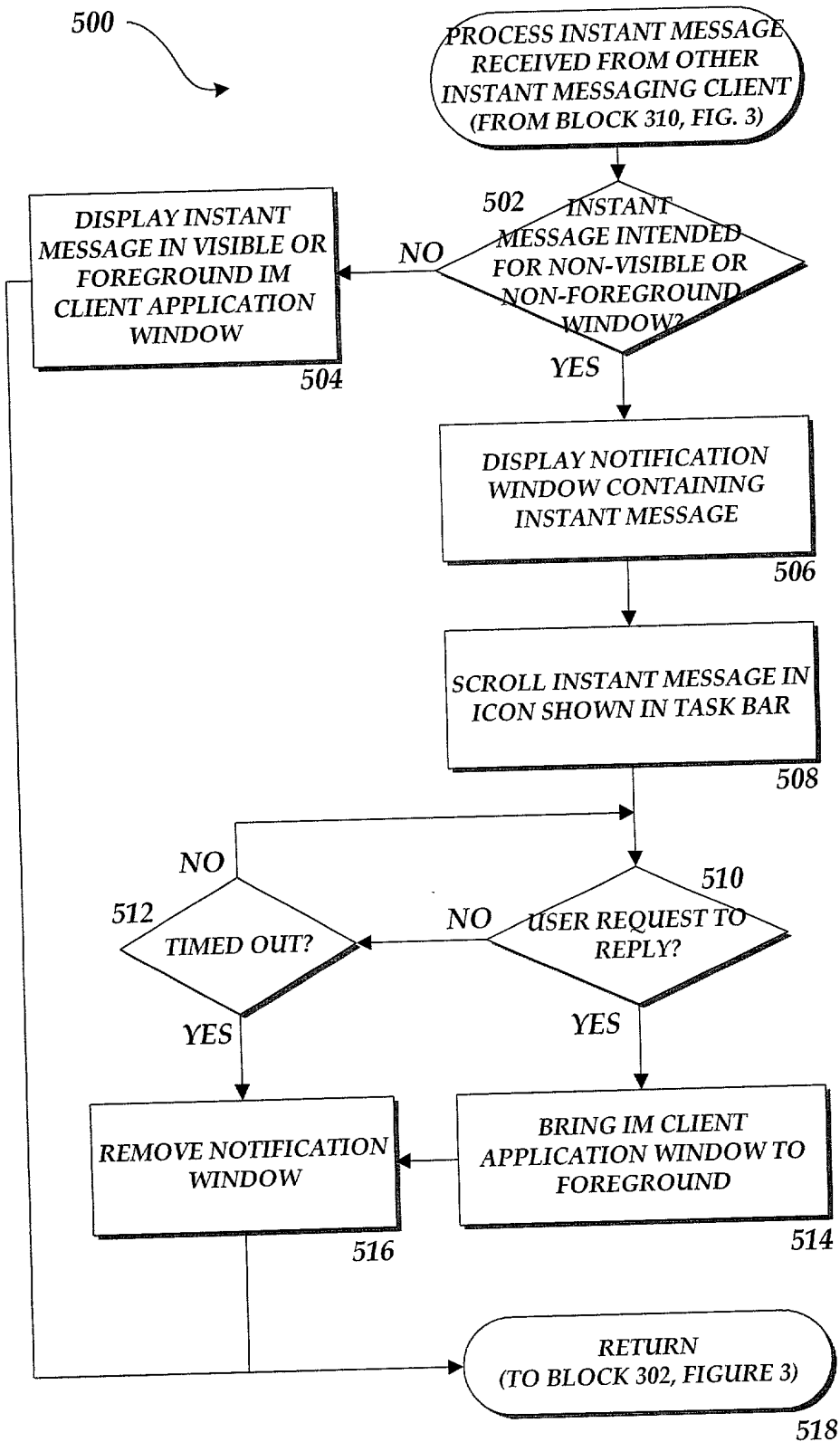
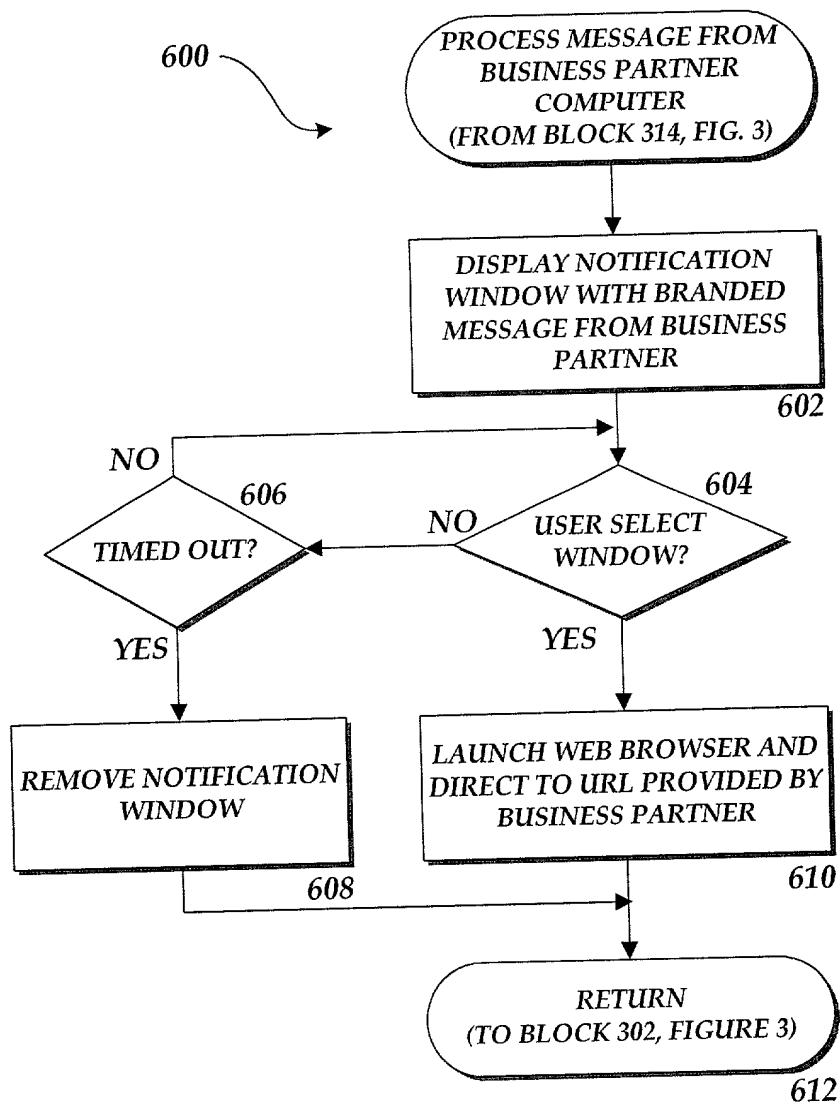
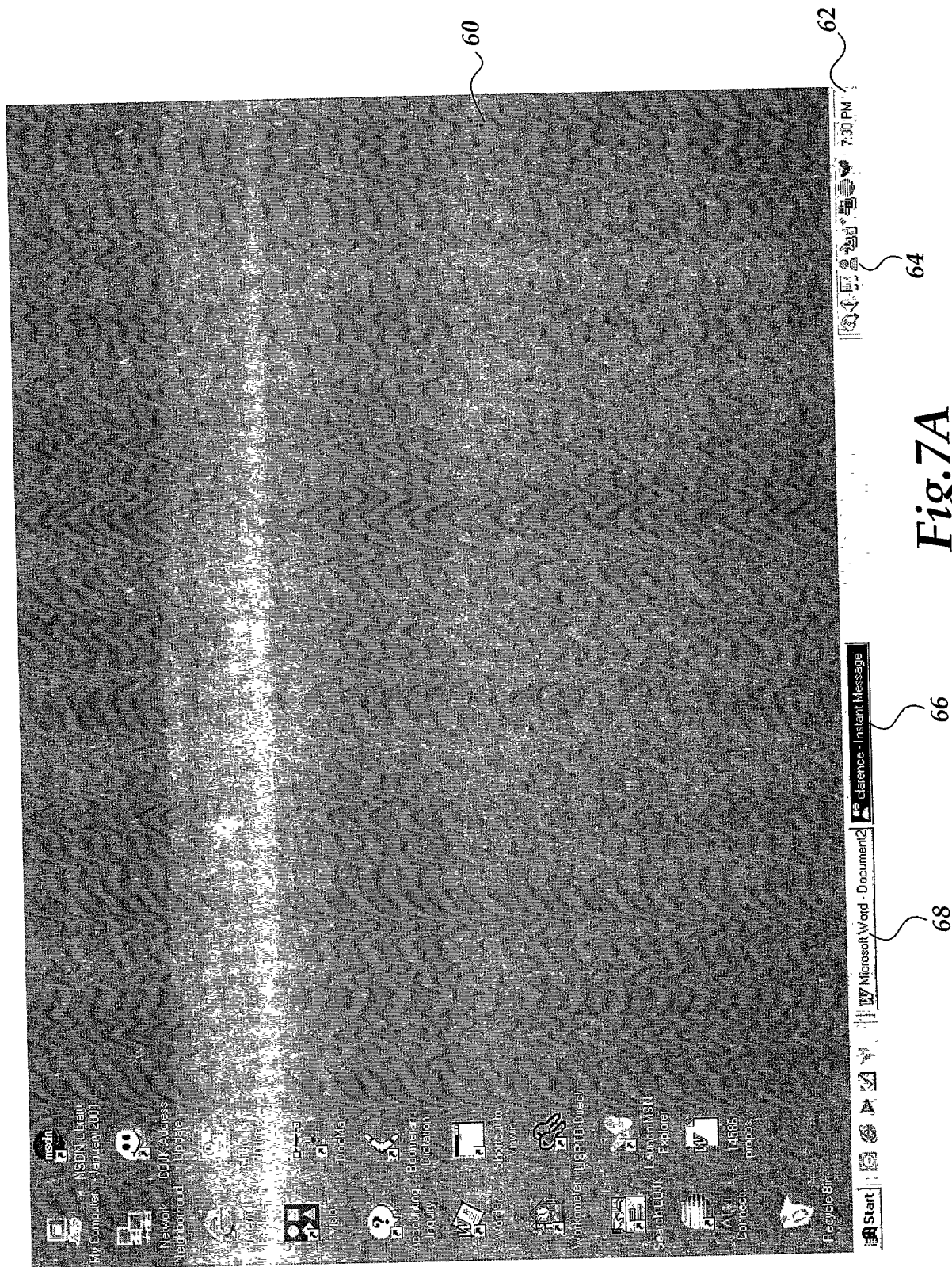
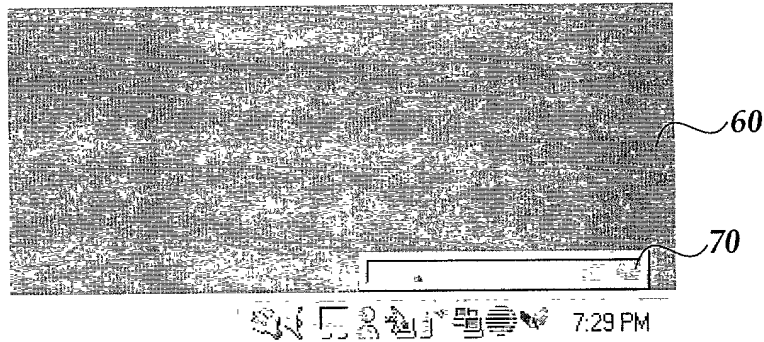


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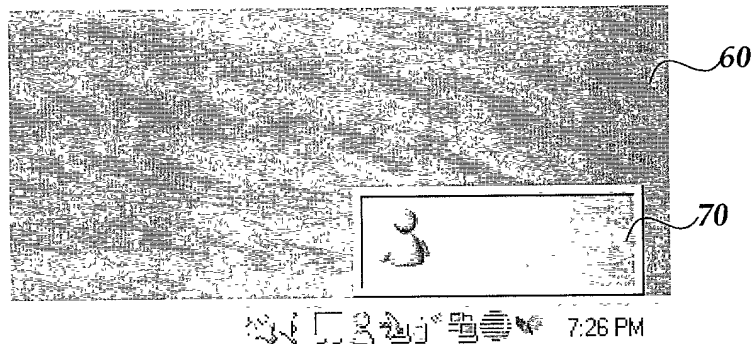


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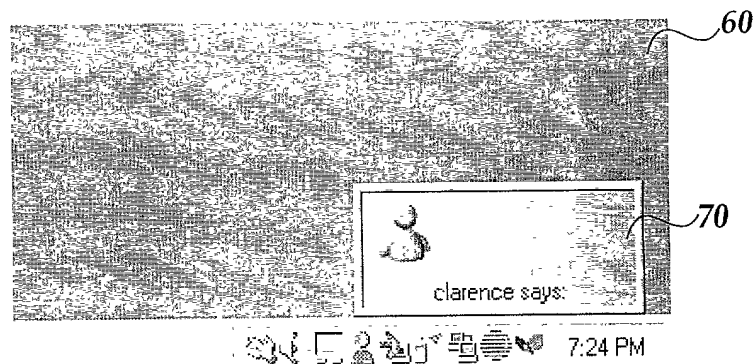




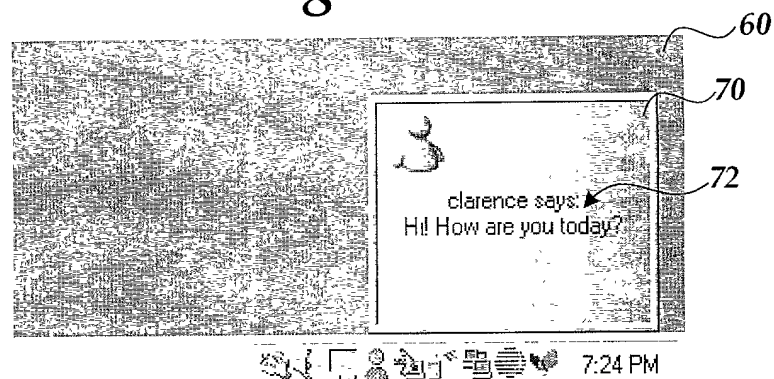
*Fig. 7B*



*Fig. 7C*

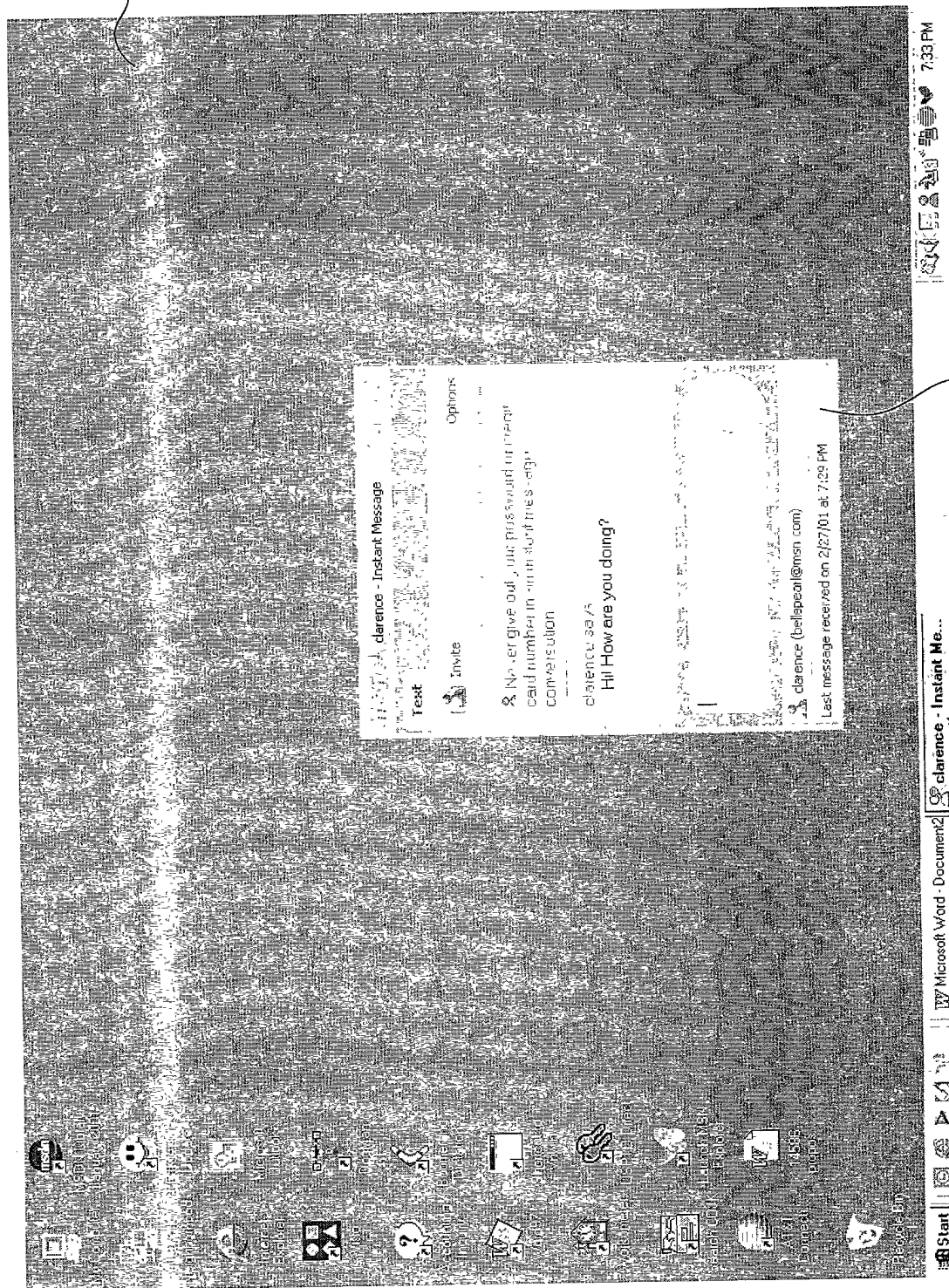


*Fig. 7D*



*Fig. 7E*





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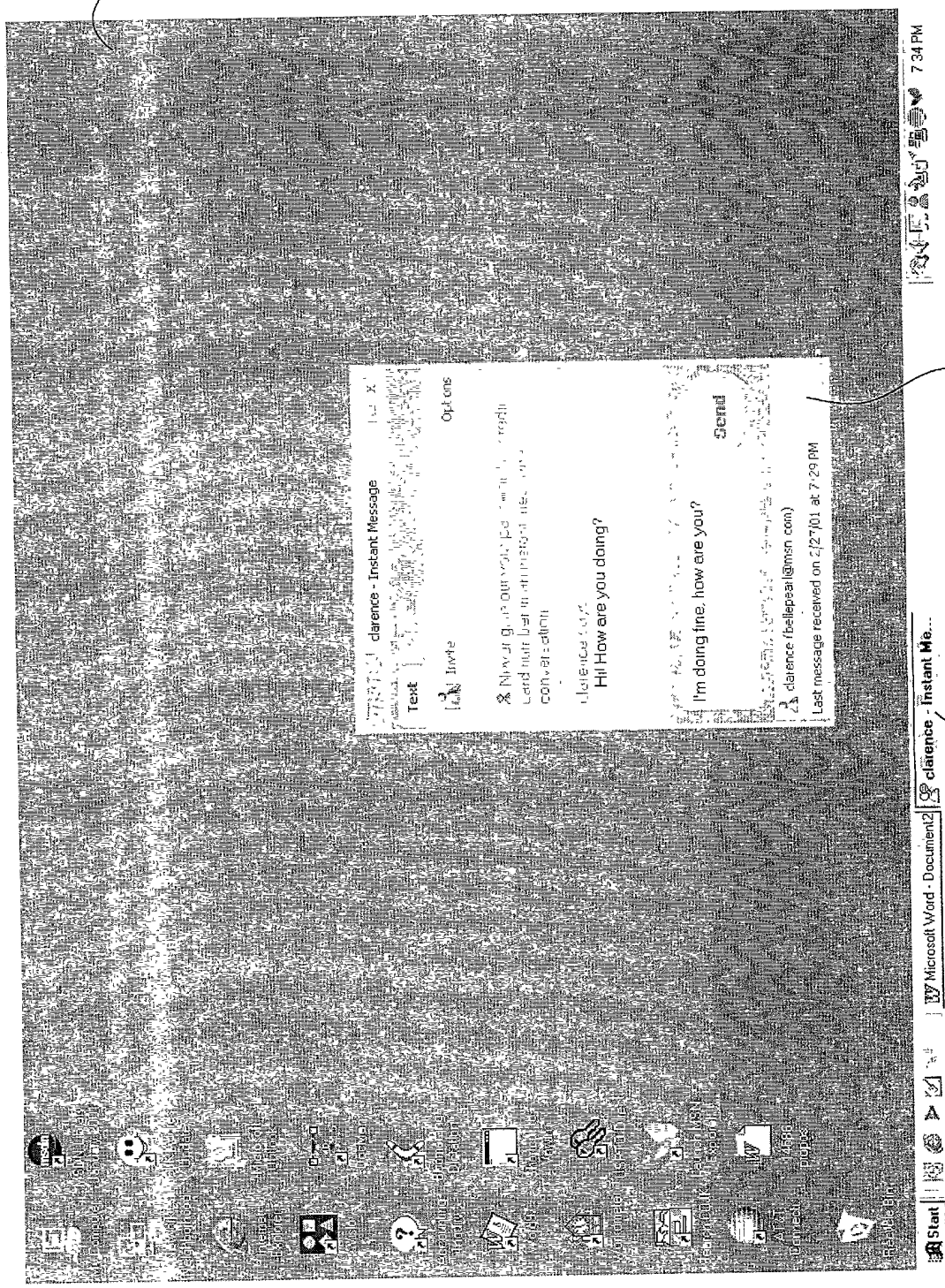


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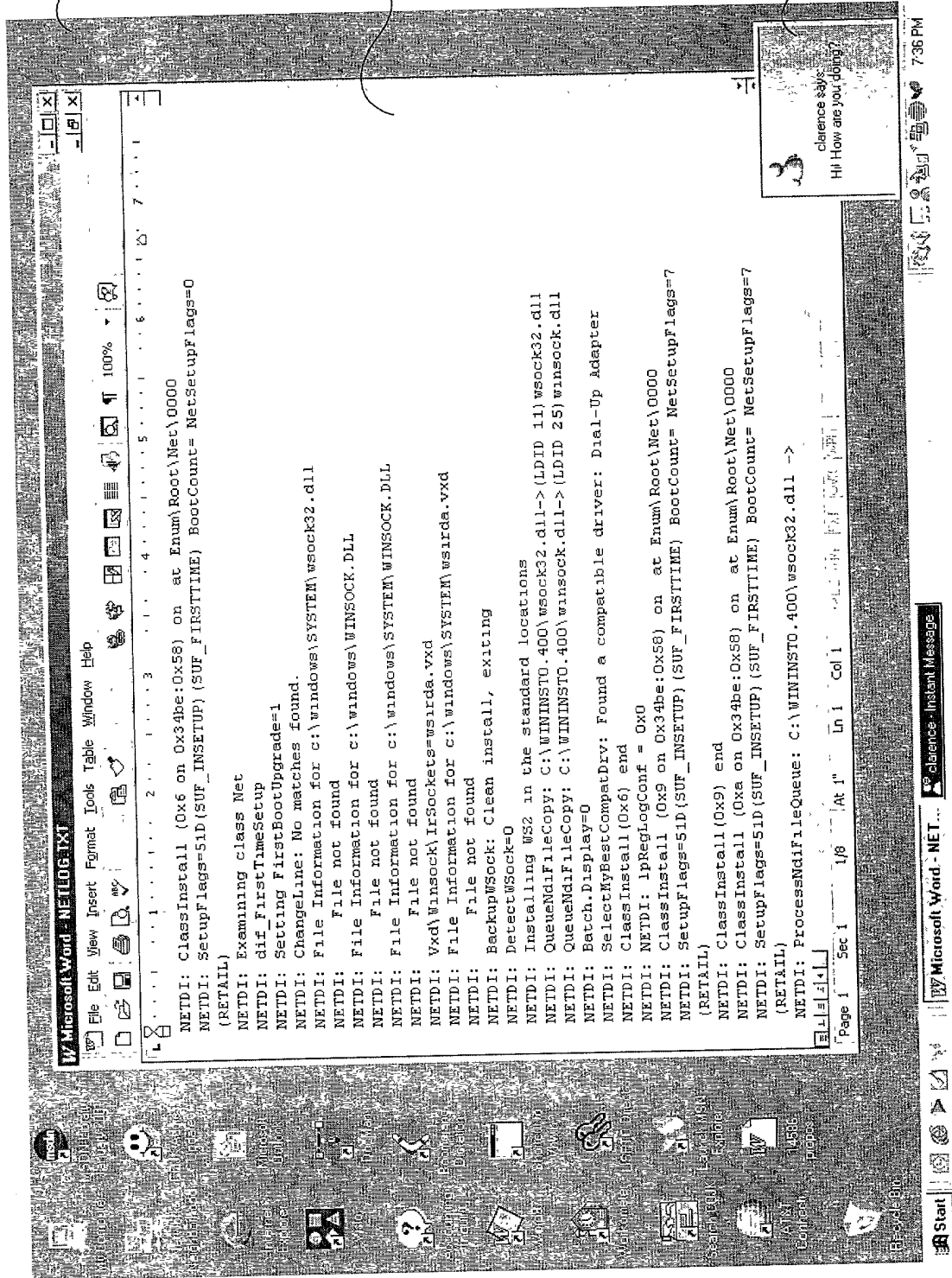


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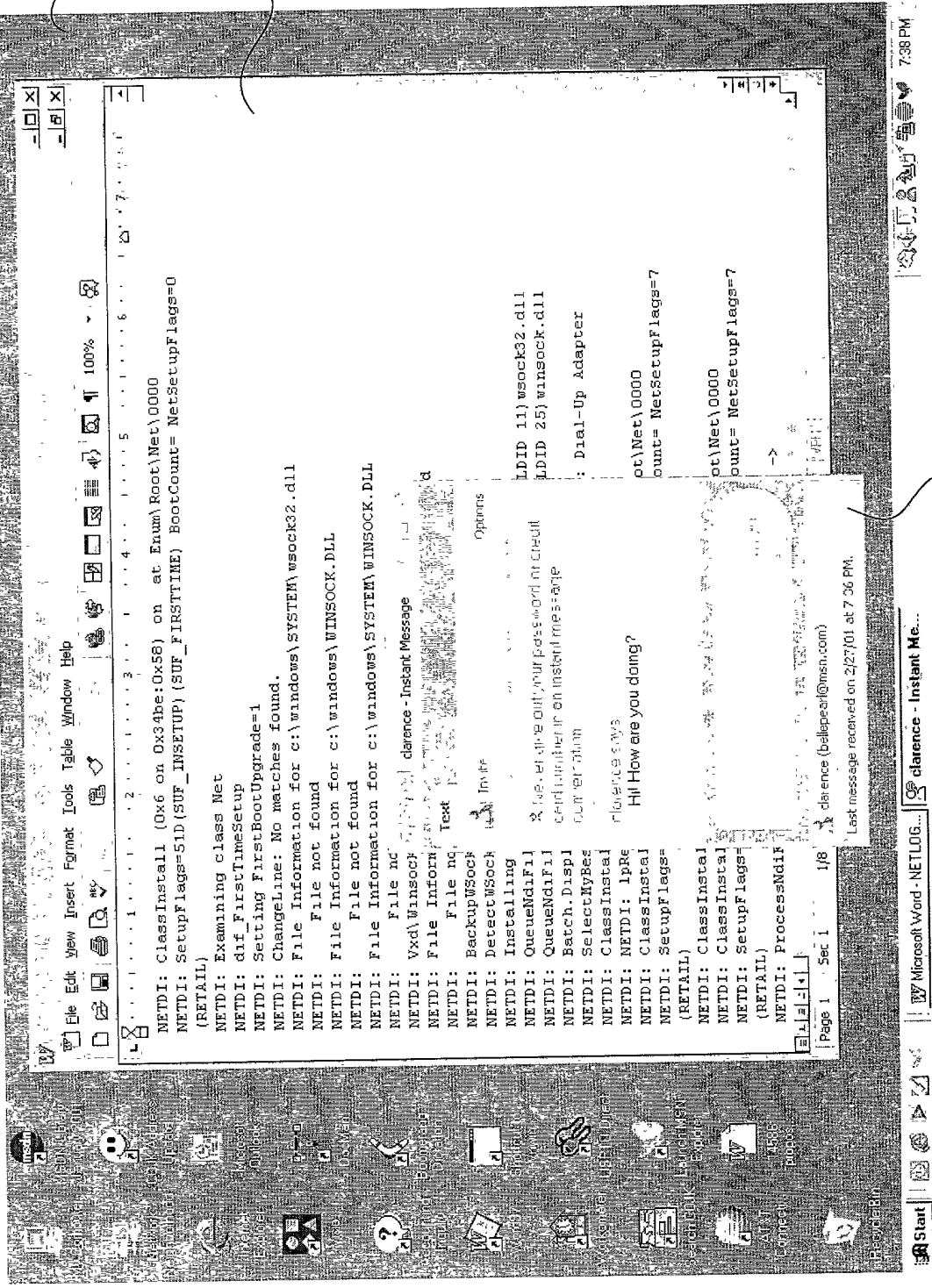


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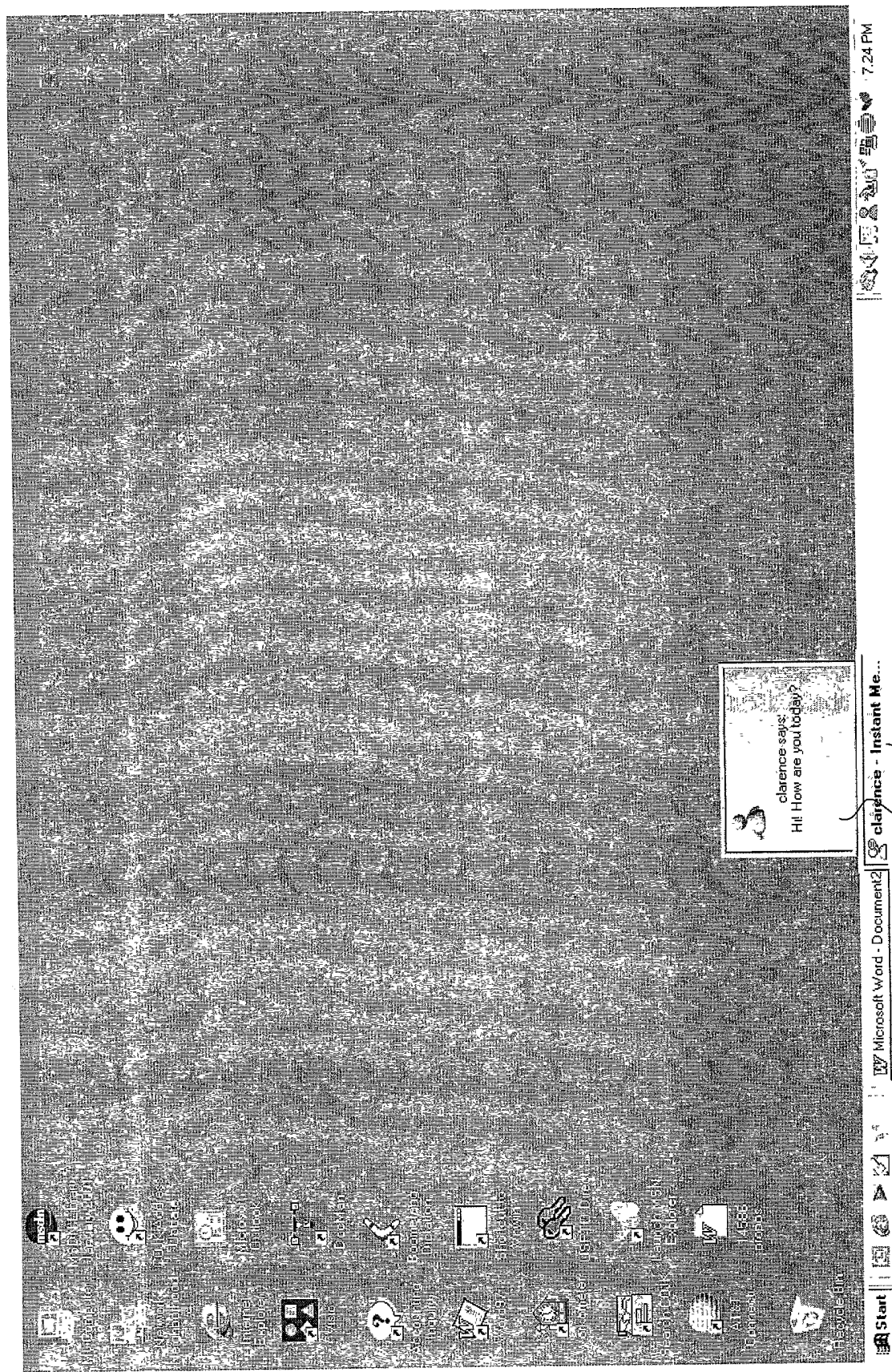
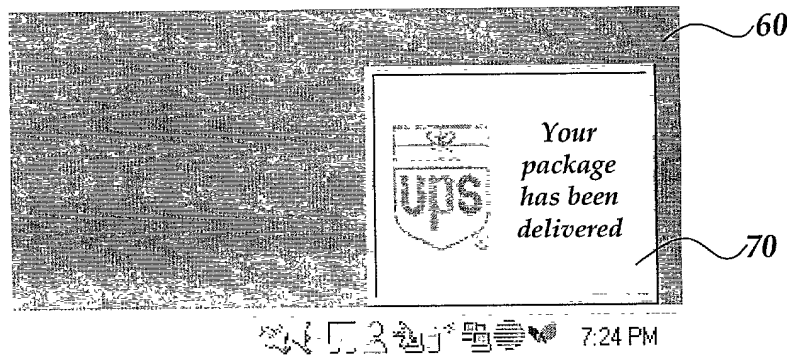


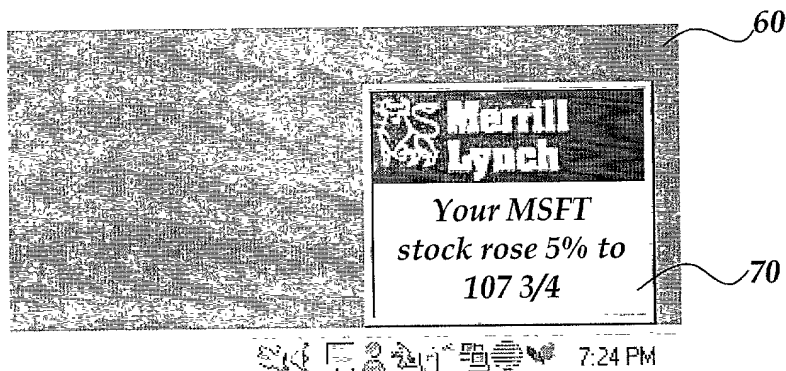
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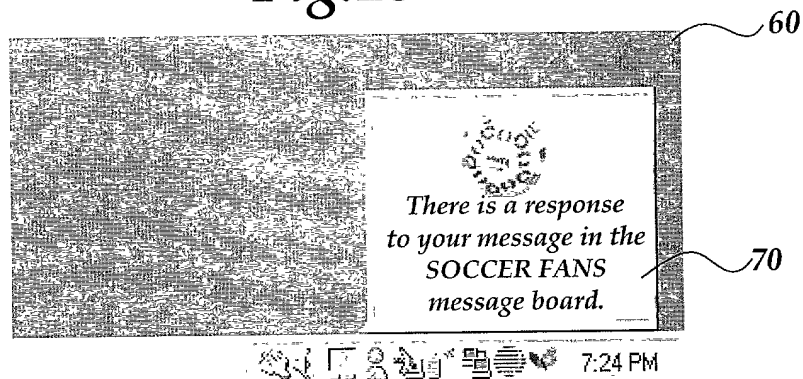
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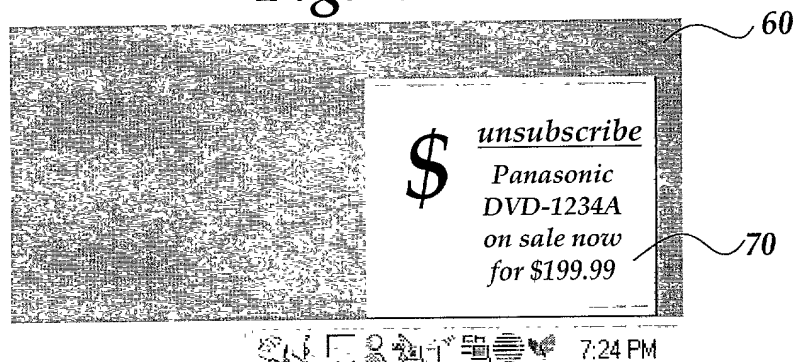
**Fig.13A**



**Fig.13B**



**Fig.13C**



**Fig.13D**